Outheld Hand

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LA PAZ—Bolivian President Rene Barrientos, in the midst of another Cabinet crisis, declared: "Many people come to me and hold out their hand but later they show they are conspiring against my government."

With that he fired his secretary, Jorge Rios Gamarra, who was among six men arrested in a restaurant and accused of plotting a coup.

Previous associates of Barrientos include a one-time interior minister on trial after giving Che Guevara's diary to Cuba, and an army chief of staff charged with another coup attempt.

"I have no illusions and the people ought not to have any," said Barrientos.